

A Letter to E.V.C. Galloway

Feb 21, 2011

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Dear SCFA colleagues,

Please find below a letter to EVC Galloway which I invite you to sign. You may do so by writing to [Megan Thomas](mailto:mcthomas@ucsc.edu) mcthomas@ucsc.edu (faculty member in the Politics Dept). Megan is coordinating the letter's signatories on behalf of FOG. See her note below.

I am sending it to SCFA members because I thought you would be interested in it. I, myself (sorry! there's not enough time to get approval from the Exec Board or more members) believe that it is extremely important that arms not be used on campus. Please read the SF Chronicle article about what happened at a recent Regents' meeting at * "Tensions flare outside UC regents' meeting," Nanette Asimov, San Francisco Chronicle, November 18, 2010, available at http://articles.sfgate.com/2010-11-18/news/24837763_1_uc-regents-enrollment-targets-protesters

And please forward this letter to your interested colleagues.

As many of you know, FOG is the acronym for an informal group of faculty and liaisons from other groups who work together and with student groups and unions for the general betterment of this campus. It is somewhat like Berkeley's SAVE The University. The group meets occasionally--it will meet the afternoon of Tuesday Feb 22 at 4pm--and welcomes any and all concerned faculty to join the meeting and the group. It is not an official branch of the SCFA, but probably all members of FOG are also members of the SCFA. FOG tends to be especially concerned with social justice issues.

Cordially,

Shelly Errington
Chair of the SCFA Executive Board

NOTE AND LETTER

To our colleagues:

Below my signature please find a draft letter to send to EVC Galloway re: policing campus protests--this came out of the FOG December meeting plans.

Please sign on by sending a message to me at mcthomas@ucsc with your title and affiliation.

We are thinking of sending it to Alison Galloway, but also cc'ing the presidents of the undergrad student union, the grad student union, the co-chairs of the "Demonstration Advisory Group," and maybe student press (city on the hill). Suggestions most welcome. We're limited somewhat by time so please do respond quickly if you can. We'd like this letter to be delivered well before the first DAG meeting which is this coming Thursday. We can discuss at our Tues 4pm meeting (Cowell 133) how to deliver--if you can't come but would like to chime in, please let someone else know.

Please feel free to forward to colleagues to collect more signatures. (And thanks to the folks who I happened to catch on e-mail this afternoon for being initial signatories!)

--Megan Thomas

Dear Campus Provost/EVC Galloway, 20 February 2011

We, the undersigned, write to you in the interest of ensuring that UC Santa Cruz continue to be a campus where contentious dialogue is encouraged and open dissent is able to flourish. In light of what occurred during the

November 2010 UC Regents meeting, where a UC police officer drew his gun and pointed it at protesting students and workers,* we ask that UCSC adopt a policy prohibiting the use of guns, tasers, rubber bullets, chemical agents, and other dangerous weapons in the policing of campus protests. It is fortunate that a tragic accident did not occur in that incident, but we are acutely aware that one easily might have. We ask that you take this step to prevent any such accident from occurring on our campus.

Signed,

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